

Appendix table 7-12.

Attitudes toward science and technology items included in the Index of Scientific Promise and the Index of Scientific Reservation: 2001
(Percentages)

Item	Strongly agree	Agree	Do not know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Promise of science					
Science and technology are making our lives healthier, easier, and more comfortable.	14	72	3	10	1
Most scientists want to work on things that will make life better for the average person.	11	78	3	8	1
With the application of science and new technology, work will become more interesting.	9	63	5	21	2
Because of science and technology, there will be more opportunities for the next generation.	21	64	2	12	2
Reservations about science					
We depend too much on science and not enough on faith.	11	40	4	41	5
It is not important for me to know about science in my daily life.	2	14	1	61	22
Science makes our way of life change too fast.	4	34	2	54	5
	B>>H	B>H	B=H	H>B	H>>B
Have the benefits of scientific research outweighed the harmful results or have the harmful results outweighed the benefits?	47	25	19	7	3

B>>H = benefits strongly outweigh harmful results; B>H = benefits outweigh harmful results; B=H = benefits equal harmful results; H>B = harmful results outweigh benefits; H>>B = harmful results strongly outweigh benefits

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics (NSF/SRS), NSF Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology, 2001.

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